

M'GAVOCK DEFENDS CONGRESSMAN SLEMP

Resents Attacks On Ninth District Representative by Democratic Journals And Shows Up a Part of The Virginia Judiciary With Regard to Corrupting Voters

Editor The Roanoke Times:—There appears in your paper of August 16th, an attack upon Mr. C. B. Slemp, copied from the Richmond Journal, vaguely trying to fix upon him the responsibility for the corruption said to exist in the Ninth congressional district of Virginia. The Journal praises the efforts made by Judge Skeen to put an end to vote buying in his judicial district and says that the efforts of the judge have been so successful as to frighten Mr. Slemp and cause him to decline the nomination. The whole spirit of the attack, if such uncalculated for slander may be dignified by calling it an "attack," is a veiled assertion that the Slemps, father and son, owed their elections to the unlawful use of money, and that the people of Virginia, and especially of the Ninth district, never knew of or experienced the harmful effects of corrupt practices in elections until these two gentlemen entered the political arena. It is no labor of love for any Virginian, proud of his state, to wade through the sea of political filth which for the last thirty years has been overwhelming and rendering vain all efforts toward decency and fair dealing in politics.

Have we come to such a state of political corruption that the most insignificant person can feed his envy and hate, finding ready believers, by circulating monstrous statements derogatory to the fair name and fame of any gentleman in public life?

Have the people of Virginia so lost all instinct of generosity that they can applaud the effort of the Richmond Journal to bring into disrepute the two latest congressmen from the only white man's district in the state? Since time was, it has been the custom to forbear from any unkind reference to the dead, and among gentlemen and high minded persons it has been the practice to look for things to commend in the character and deeds of a man retiring from public life.

Should I, in this letter, mention the name of any democrat, I distinctly state that it is not for the purpose of rendering him odious, but because I could not defend Mr. Slemp fully, nor place the blame where it justly belongs, at least in a great measure, if I did otherwise.

From a close study of the data bearing upon the question, I have concluded that, in the Stuart and Slemp campaign, there were added to the voting list the names of six thousand seven hundred men, not including the young men just coming of age. Of this number five thousand two hundred were democrats, and one thousand five hundred were republicans. It required four dollars and seventy-five cents each to qualify these men, and besides this, the usual amount which has, for years, been expended for poll taxes. The whole amount expended for the payment of poll taxes in that campaign was approximately, in the aggregate, sixty thousand dollars. Thirty-nine thousand dollars was paid by the democrats, and twenty-one thousand was paid by the republicans. This is as nearly accurate a statement as it is possible to make. Recollect that Stuart received 5,200 votes more than any other democrat had ever received before, since 1902, and Slemp received 1,500 more votes than either of the Slemps had ever received before.

Among democrats it had always been considered a corrupt practice to pay the poll taxes of the impecunious voter. The republicans have always held to the contrary doctrine. Mr. Slemp, if he contributed to this fund, did not have to render an account of it under the law, because he was not at that time nor for some months afterward the nominee of the republican party. Mr. Stuart at the time of the payment of these taxes and for months before, was the nominee of the democratic party, and if he contributed any money toward this expense, under the law, he was required to certify to it, in as much as it was an election expense and incurred after his nomination.

As Mr. Stuart did not certify to this expense he, of course, did not incur it, but that burden fell upon the shoulders of his many warm, but poor, admirers.

Now, I shall not go into the matter of buying votes, but will content myself with referring to a single fact which, like a straw, will indicate how the current ran on the memorable occasion.

Both democrats and republicans paid the traveling expenses of their voters, who were away from home; but the republicans had to be extremely economical, only paying from nearby points. The democrats, however, brought them from Buffalo, N. Y., and from Atlanta, Ga., and on every check was this most encouraging and illuminating legend, "Ride the Pullman."

And so impressed are the people of the Ninth by this concise and epigrammatic injunction, that when they visit Roanoke or Bristol, and line up at the bar of—we'll say, public opinion—and have taken one snifter apiece, the leader, with the price of an export aster in his pocket, does not feel as rich as Henry Stuart; he pushes out his breast and

says, "Boys! Ride the Pullman." The most enthusiastic and well-liquored extravagance is now summed up in "Boys, Ride the Pullman."

Who furnished the sixty thousand dollars which was used to pay poll taxes? Mr. Stuart did not furnish the democratic portion. Who furnished that portion? I have it on good authority that Judge Skeen contributed \$500 to Mr. Stuart's campaign fund. If the four other judges in the district gave the same amount, it would be only \$2,500. Ah Sin was his name; and he was child-like and bland, this heathen Chinese. Many people subscribed to the campaign fund of their party and at the same time insist that the money they have just given shall be used for legitimate purposes only. "Why, certainly! Certainly!" says the collector, and the innocent heathen Chinese goes away, his conscience thoroughly salved.

Have Judge Skeen and the other Virginia judges so conducted themselves that their example is an unanswerable sermon in favor of honesty and purity in elections? Did Judge Skeen appoint a republican on the electoral boards? Did he instruct these electoral boards to appoint two republican judges and one democratic judge at all republican precincts if suitable men could be found, and vice versa at democratic precincts? Has Judge Skeen done everything in his power to secure honest elections? It is asserted that Mr. Slemp feared Judge Skeen. Is Judge Skeen a terror to republicans only? Judge Skeen is not after the republicans who were bought in the Stuart and Slemp campaign. Why should Slemp fear him?

I deny that C. B. Slemp is afraid of Judge Skeen. I deny that he is responsible for the sad state of affairs now existing morally and politically in our district. If the Richmond Journal had said that Henry Stuart and C. B. Slemp were both afraid of Judge Skeen, the statement would have had more foundation, in fact, than does the statement it did make. But the statement would not have been a reflection on the integrity of Judge Skeen. C. B. Slemp is a young man, he is strong mentally and physically. Let him keep his head clear and his heart pure and he will again bring joy to his many friends who have looked upon his past, but successful, career with pride and affection.

J. W. M'GAVOCK,
Max Meadows, Wythe County, Va.
August 19, 1912.

Miss Doak a Bride.

Mr. F. Grover Morgan, of Mauldin, S. C., and Miss Lettie Doak, of Rural Retreat, Va., were quietly married by the Rev. Alexander Phillippi, D. D., at his home in Wytheville, on the afternoon of August 14th. The participants had been attending the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Lutheran Synod of Southwest Virginia, at St. John's church, near Wytheville, and before returning home, decided to dispense with all superfluous ceremony and expenditure, and the wedding was the result.

The bride, who is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Doak, of this place, is one of the most popular and accomplished young ladies of her community, and a leader in the choir of the Lutheran church at Rural Retreat; possessing talents of a high order, and making friends and admirers of all her acquaintances.

The groom is a member of the senior class of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C., a '09 graduate of Lenoir College, and expects to take also the M. A. degree at the University of South Carolina next spring. He has been canvassing in Virginia for the Lutheran Church Visitor, beginning at the S. S. Normal Institute at Rural Retreat, where he first met his bride.

The happy young couple will be at their homes in Virginia and South Carolina during the remainder of the groom's vacation, and will spend the winter in Columbia.

The Abingdon Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Abingdon, which embraces nearly all of Southwest Virginia, and consists of about fifty churches with about half that number of ministers, met on Tuesday evening, August 20th, at 8 o'clock, in the church in Thompson Valley. The last moderator usually preaches the opening sermon. The Rev. Adolphus Kistler, of Bristol Central, was expected to preach on this occasion, but was detained at home by sickness. In Rev. Kistler's absence, Rev. Dr. G. H. Gilmer, the Presbyterial evangelist, preached the opening sermon, and the Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by Rev. G. W. Nickell, of Glade Springs, Va. Rev. C. S. Mathews was elected moderator, and Rev. D. J. Currie, with Ruling Elder A. M. Byars, of Glade Springs church, were elected as temporary clerks.

There were eighteen ministers and fourteen ruling elders present during the sessions of the Presbytery.

In spite of very disagreeable weather, there were good crowds in attendance each day; and on Sunday there was the largest gathering, perhaps, in the history of the Thompson Valley community. All of the business of the docket was disposed of by Thursday afternoon, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Dublin church in April.

FOR SALE—At a bargain to quick purchaser, my home on Main street, Tazewell, Va. J. D. ALEXANDER.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Fruit jars and jelly glasses at Boyers. Miss Eloise Boston has returned from a visit to friends in Lynchburg.

Miss Eva Kahle, of Abingdon, is the guest of Miss Mary Moore this week.

Mrs. Mary Cooley, of Bluefield, is visiting relatives and her many friends here this week.

Judge W. J. Henson, of Roanoke, is among the visiting attorneys attending court here this week.

James D. Harrison is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrison in Waynesville, N. C., this week.

Boyer & Co. are offering special bargains in Enamelled Preserving Kettles. Mrs. C. S. Jones and her little daughter, Sophia, of Radford, are paying a visit to H. W. Pabst and family here this week.

Mrs. Vaughan Jones, of Hampton, Va., is the guest of her brother, Senator J. P. Royall, and family on Tazewell avenue.

Captain A. J. Tynes has been very ill at his home on Tazewell avenue for the past several days. He is improving, however, at this time.

John McClintock, who holds a position as clerk with the Jewell Ridge Coal Company, on Big Creek, was visiting homefolks here Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Barnes, Miss Mary Strother Barnes and Miss Bessie Barnes, of the Cove, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mustard in Pocahontas.

WEDDING LOUQUETS—Made right, priced right, shipped right.

FALLON, Florist, Roanoke, Va.

R. C. Chapman returned Tuesday from New York, where he had been to purchase the fall and winter stock of goods for "The Store That Sets The Pace."

Mrs. M. H. Harrison, of Wytheville, who is visiting the family of Louie Carr at Falls Mills, was here Tuesday in company with Miss Willie May Carr as the guests of Miss Lena Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Bowen and Mrs. M. R. Smoot, of Witten's Mills; A. Z. Litz, of this place, and J. F. Litz, of Adria, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Litz in Columbus, and taking in the Ohio State Fair.

George W. St. Clair is back from Roanoke, where he has been engaged for some time in taking depositions to be used as evidence in an important coal land suit now pending in the circuit court of McDowell county, West Virginia.

Miss Ethel Haynes arrived here Friday from her home in Rockport, Ind., and will again be with the Tazewell Millinery Company this fall. Miss Haynes made many friends while here last season, who will be glad to know she is back again.

E. C. Baker, of Norton, who had been rusticated in Cincinnati and other Ohio cities for several days, stopped off here Saturday en route home for a short visit to his brother, W. L. Baker, the popular and efficient Norfolk and Western station agent.

Rev. T. A. Repass, of this place, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church at Pocahontas in place of Rev. C. K. Wingo on last Sunday night. On Sunday morning he delivered an interesting address on Sunday school work before the school at that place.

The proceeds from the ice cream and box supper at Witten's Mills on the 17th instant amounted in round figures to \$50.00. The ladies having the supper in charge used the proceeds to purchase for the pastor, Rev. J. E. Spring, a nice tailor-made suit and overcoat in which to attend Holston Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Crockett, of Stansbury, Gentry county, Missouri, are visiting friends and relatives here and elsewhere in the county. They arrived unannounced on last Thursday evening, and were warmly welcomed by their large circle of relatives and friends, who are delighted to have them with them again.

Mrs. G. E. Meek and daughters, Misses Helen and Margaret, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien here for the past month, will leave on the 6:30 train this evening for their home in Kokomo, Ind. They are delighted with the charm of our people and the natural beauty of our scenery.

A bunglesome attempt, which showed it to be the work of amateurs, was made on last Saturday night to rob the safe in the station of the Norfolk and Western Railway at Graham. The safe was pretty badly battered up by the would-be yeggs in an attempt to pry it open, but being unable to do so, the men gave it up as a bad job and left without molesting anything else in the station.

Mr. Charles Schaub, who on Saturday underwent a painful operation at the Gillespie Sanatorium, has been moved to his home on the car line. Mr. Schaub had the misfortune to have his right foot pretty badly mashed some years ago, and this old injury is the cause of his troubles at the present time. A number of small pieces of broken bone which had remained in his foot since he was injured were beginning to work out after these years, and the pain became so great as to require the operation of Saturday for their removal. He is improving nicely since the operation and will be about again shortly.

SLEMP.

Ninth District Congressman Renominated In Most Harmonious Convention At Bristol On Yesterday by Republicans.



HON. C. B. SLEMP.

Congressman C. B. Slemp, of Big Stone Gap, was selected as the republican standard bearer in the Ninth congressional district on the first ballot at the convention held in Bristol on yesterday.

Harmony was the watchword of the large number of delegates attending the convention, and after thoroughly canvassing the situation it was found that sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Slemp's renomination, and, although he had declined to again stand as the nominee, his nomination was made unanimous, and he accepted.

C. S. Pendleton, of Scott, was made temporary chairman, and M. G. Ely, of Lee, temporary secretary in organization of the convention. They were succeeded by A. T. Lincoln and R. W. Willey as permanent chairman and secretary.

Hon. C. S. Pendleton, of Scott, was chosen as district chairman to manage Mr. Slemp's campaign this fall.

POWHATAN INDIAN COMIC OPERA.

Event of The Season at High School Chapel On Friday Night, August 30.



Very active preparations have been going on for some days and nights in the study of the musical historical Indian opera, Powhatan, by the local talent of Tazewell and visiting singers, which is to be given tomorrow (Friday) night, in the High School Chapel, under the auspices of the Music Club.

The cast of characters is well chosen; choruses effective and exceedingly graceful, and the special diversions to be given by the children, boys, girls and misses are in themselves a strong feature of the attraction.

Space forbids our giving the entire personnel of the opera, with the splendid programme of musical numbers, entire acts, etc.—suffice to say that, Powhatan has for its principal theme the capture of John Smith by the Indians and his timely rescue by Pocahontas, the beautiful Indian princess, and that the performance promises to be one of merit, much above the average of offerings of that sort, and is well worth the patronage of all good citizens who are lovers of good pure forms of instructive entertainment.

The sale of reserve seats opened this morning at Jackson's drug store, and the indications are that a well filled house will greet the singers on the rise of the curtain, however there are many desirable seats to be secured for an equivalent.

The possible patrons are advised to secure reserve seats at an early date and enjoy the performance all the more for this convenience.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Fruit jars and jelly glasses at Boyers. Miss Elizabeth Ward spent the week-end with friends in Bluefield.

Hon. G. Bruce Johnson, of Honaker, was a business visitor here on Monday.

The private school of Miss Ella Bowen will open on next Monday, September the 2nd.

Miss Elizabeth Hall returned Saturday from an extended visit to friends in Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. M. J. Hanks returned Tuesday from a ten days visit to Mrs. Rachel Painter in Pulaski, Va.

Miss Josephine Ways, of Farmville, is the charming guest of Miss Sallie Pendleton here this week.

Attorney E. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, is looking after legal matters in the circuit court here this week.

Miss Oley Sparlock, who has been the guest of the Misses Hurt here for the past month, left Monday for home in Wayne, W. Va.

Ashby Henry left Sunday for his home in Philadelphia, after a week's visit to his parents, Major and Mrs. R. R. Henry, of this place.

W. Frank Lewis has returned to his home in Fort Mills, S. C., after a short vacation spent with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Lewis, at this place.

Rev. J. G. Herndon, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Peirce here for several days, is in Norton this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Peirce.

Dr. Peter Winston, of Farmville, secretary of the State Board of Health for Virginia, was the guest of his niece, Mrs. J. A. Leslie, for several days first of the week.

Russell Guerrant left Monday for his home in Chester, Pa., after a brief visit to friends here, while en route from a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Guerrant, of Wilmore, Ky.

Mrs. Henry Lester and family, of the Cove, have given up their residence there and moved to our progressive little city. They are occupying the Kitts property on Mechanic's avenue.

Laura Neta, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gallier, of Pocahontas, died on last Thursday evening, the result of having eaten a number of poisonous mushrooms on the previous afternoon.

Miss Alice Poole, who will be in charge of Chapman's dressmaking department again this season, arrived here Tuesday from her home in Lynchburg, and will enter on her duties Monday.

Rev. J. C. Carson left Monday for his home in Bristol, after a week's visit to his son, Rev. W. W. Carson, of this place. While here he attended the sessions of the Abingdon Presbytery held in Thompson Valley last week.

H. A. Bowen, T. J. Muncey and W. G. O'Brien were among those who went to Bristol Tuesday to attend the republican congressional convention. Many others who had planned to go were prevented from doing so by circuit court, which is now in session here.

Rev. Dabney Carson, president of Stonewall Jackson Institute, Abingdon, Va., was among those attending the sessions of the Abingdon Presbytery in Thompson Valley last week. He was the guest of his brother, Rev. W. W. Carson, of this place, while here.

Colonel Wm. C. Pendleton is expected to arrive home tomorrow from Richmond, where he has been for the past month a patient in the Johnston Willis hospital. He has entirely recovered from the recent operation which he underwent, and returns again in the best of health.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meek and daughters, Misses Helen and Margaret, Mrs. Gussie Bowen and daughter, Miss Ella, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien were visiting the families of Captain Henry Bowen, S. J. Thompson and R. T. Bowen in the Cove Saturday and Sunday last.

Announcement is made by Presiding Elder Straley that the fourth quarterly conference for the West Tazewell circuit will be held September 7th and 8th in the Methodist church at Shrader's instead of Sinkingwater, as heretofore announced. Everybody invited, and official members are urged to be present.

M. J. Hanks, who has been in the northern and eastern markets for the past ten days making purchases for "The Store That Satisfies," returned home Tuesday. His purchases will delight the eyes of his many customers and aid materially in the solution of "the high cost of living" when they arrive.

A saw mill boiler exploded at the new plant of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company, near Bois-savain, on last Saturday, killing three men and injuring another seriously. The men killed were: Wm. Brown, John Hess and a Mr. Gillespie, native of this county, but whose first name we have been unable to learn.

Mrs. E. O. Guerrant, of Wilmore, Ky., who has been the guest of Hon. and Mrs. A. P. Gillespie for several days, left Tuesday for points in Tennessee to visit friends before returning to her home in the Blue Grass state. Dr. Guerrant sent many messages to his war time friends in Tazewell, and would have accompanied Mrs. Guerrant here except for the fact that he felt com-

pelled to remain at home and see to the erection of a hospital and girls dormitory in the college at the orphanage connected with the missions of which he is the head in Eastern Kentucky, before starting on his twenty-fourth annual pilgrimage to Florida. With Mrs. Guerrant, like the Doctor, the passing years serve to add sprightliness to action and grace to manners. May both of them live many more years and make frequent visits to Tazewell.

Contemplate Suing County.

It is reported that the estate of the late Mrs. Joseph Burress, who met her death in tragic manner near Graham on the afternoon of Sunday, the 18th instant, contemplate bringing suit against the county on the grounds of negligence. It is claimed that the dynamite cap which caused Mrs. Burress' death, was picked up by the boy who exploded it at one of the road camps along the macadam highway now being constructed in that section by the county, and that in thus leaving the caps where they could be so easily gotten hold of by boys and other irresponsible persons, the county is, in part, responsible for the woman's death.

It is also stated that an effort will be made to send the boys, who threw the cap which caused Mrs. Burress' death, to the state reformatory. One of the boys is a brother to the husband of the woman killed.

High School Will Open Monday

The fall session of Tazewell High School will begin on next Monday, September the 2nd. The school will again be under the efficient management of Prof. W. W. Carson, and this alone is a guarantee that the coming session will be a successful one and exceedingly beneficial, both morally and mentally, to the many boys and girls who will attend.

Several new faces will be seen in the faculty this year, and since a complete list of the teachers has never been published, we take pleasure in presenting them herewith that the patrons may know who they are and the grades each will be in charge of. They are: Principal—Prof. W. W. Carson. Assistants—Misses Lou Coulling and Mary Turk.

Grades—Miss Pherson, 7th; Miss Conn, 6th; Miss Harman, 5th; Miss Davidson, 4th; Miss Johnson, 2nd and 3rd; Miss Dadds, primer and 1st. Music—Miss Jackson.

Circuit Court in Session.

The August term of Tazewell circuit court opened here at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, with Judge Fulton Kegley, of Abingdon, presiding.

A grand jury was impaneled immediately upon the opening of court, and after electing Mr. A. G. Kiser foreman, examination of the more than one hundred persons who had been summoned to tell of any wrong doing they might know about, was commenced. The jury remained in session until about 11 o'clock on yesterday, when it was discharged. The net result of the jury's investigation was the finding of 24 indictments, 11 of which were felonies and 13 for misdemeanors.

After the grand jury had started on a rigid slouday morning, the case of the Commonwealth vs. Ben Lester, the first to be tried at this term of court, was taken up, and is still in progress.

The prosecution has completed the introduction of its testimony, and the defense is now engaged in endeavoring to show that young Lester was justifiable in committing the act for which he is being tried. It is believed the case will go to the jury some time today. Lester is being tried on a charge of killing Henry Lowe and Bob Lester in the Cove sometime in the early part of 1911. Able counsel are engaged on both sides and the case is being hotly contested.

Cove Creek Items.

Cove Creek, Va., Aug. 26: Mrs. Rayborn Stowers is visiting homefolks near Princeton, W. Va., this week.

Curtis and Clyde Shuflebarger are spending the week with relatives on Walker's Creek.

Little Misses Eldene and Nanola Neel returned home Sunday from Graham, where they have been visiting friends for a time.

Mrs. Sam Gregory and Mrs. Louie Gilliam are visiting relatives in Mercer county, W. Va., and Giles county, Virginia, this week.

J. B. Gregory has gone to Texas to inspect the farming lands of that section. He is thinking of moving to the Lone Star state.

C. P. Stimson and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Rural Retreat, are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. J. G. Higginbotham, and family at this place.

Misses Lena and Rose and Jefferson Higginbotham spent Saturday night with relatives at Rocky Gap and attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Morehead at Round Bottom on Sunday.

Meeting Republican County Committee

There will be a meeting of the Republican County Committee on Monday, September 2nd, at 11 o'clock, at the office of R. O. Crockett, county chairman. A full attendance is desired.

By order of the County Chairman.
W. G. O'BRIEN,
Secretary.

VICTIM OF GRAHAM TRAGEDY MAY DIE

H. S. Lefler's Body and Face Filled With Shot by William Compton as Former Rides Into Latter's Yard—Cause of Shooting Kept From Public.

H. S. Lefler, foreman for the Sanders estate near Graham, was shot and desperately wounded about 6 o'clock on last Monday evening by William Compton, an employee of the Mitchell Ice Company at Graham.

The shot which may cost Mr. Lefler his life was fired as he rode into the yard of the Compton home. Frightened by the report of the gun, the horse which Lefler was riding, ran out of the yard and across Bluestone river, where the injured man slipped from the saddle to the ground in an almost dying condition. Con Trigg, a colored man who witnessed the shooting, rushed to where Lefler lay, his body and face covered with blood from the half-hundred or more wounds where the shot had entered, mounted the frightened horse and rode into Graham for medical aid. Dr. R. M. Witten responded promptly and after giving careful attention to the injured man's wounds, had him removed to Graham and from there he was taken to the Bluefield Sanitarium for treatment. An examination of Lefler's wounds at the Sanitarium disclosed the fact that the shot fired into his body and face had gone pretty deep, and it is believed that two or more passed through his lungs, as he is constantly spitting up blood. But little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Immediately following the shooting Compton walked into Graham and gave himself up, but was later released on \$1,000 bond by "Squire C. P. Greever, William Mitchell being his surety."

Just what cause there was for the shooting is not known at this time, although several rumors are afloat. Compton has so far made no statement, and it is probable that the real cause leading up to the tragedy may not be known until the case comes to trial.

Mr. Lefler, the injured man, is well known here, having for a number of years managed the large estate of H. S. Bowen near Witten's Mill. He is a married man, having a wife and several children.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

Trux B. Warren is back from Oberlin, Ohio, where he has been for the past ten days visiting his family.

J. P. Kroll returned Monday from West Virginia, where he had been to look after his coal properties and other business interests.

Miss Dorothy Willauer, of Lynchburg, arrived here Sunday afternoon, and will be the guest of Miss Theresa Greever for several days.

Attorney Hugh R. Hawthorn is back in Tazewell, after a visit of several days to his old home and other points in the northern section of Virginia.

Mrs. Earl Thompson and little daughter, who spent the summer here with Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson, left yesterday evening for their home in Port Worth, Texas.

The local union of the W. C. T. U. is arranging for a Demorest medal contest on Friday evening, September 6th. The place for holding the contest will be announced next week.

There will be a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the library of the High School building on next Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. Members are earnestly requested to be present.

Rev. W. C. Schaffer, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., will preach in the Lutheran church here on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will also be services at 8 o'clock in the evening. All are welcome.

The Girls' Department of Cooking and Needlework at the BIG TAEZEWELL FAIR, Sept. 17-18-19, offers some nice premiums for sewing and cooking by girls under 13. No entrance fee. Encourage your girls in these useful arts.

Homer McDonald, a native of Eastern Virginia was killed by a heavy fall of slate in the mines of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company at Pocahontas on last Saturday afternoon. He was forty five years of age. Interment was made in the cemetery at Pocahontas Sunday.